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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was at least steady in the East, steady elsewhere. Retail and food service demand was fair to moderate, best into fast food channels and catering services. Supplies of smaller sized product was balanced to well cleared, but heavier weights were at least adequate. In the parts structure, trading was fair to moderate. Dark meat was adequate to short and continued to move well. Breast items and wings were adequate to ample with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 74.50 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 79.25 cents last year on June 9, 2004.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	171.00
BREASTS - B/S	145.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	85.00
THIGH MEAT - B/S	104.00
LEG QUARTERS	40.00
WINGS	83.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

**SOUTHERN REGION** Trade sentiment was mixed, mostly steady. Retail demand was light to moderate, best for ads. Food service was fair to fairly good with most interest for fast food promotions. Supplies were usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was light to moderate. Dark meat was balanced to well cleared and continued to have strong movement. Breast items were mixed, but available, with tenders in the longest balance, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

**NORTHEAST REGION** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was fair to moderate and about as expected for mid-week trading. Offerings of 3 pound and lighter sizes were in close balance to well cleared; heavier sizes were more than sufficient for current trade needs. Retail and distributive movement was mostly moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were fully adequate to ample. Dark meat cuts were in close balance and clearing satisfactorily. Tenders were available. Wings were at least adequate.

**MIDWEST REGION** The whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady with a cautious undertone. Trade interest was lacking on moderate to heavy offerings. Demand overall was noted as lacking, occasionally fairly good into some catering and fast food outlets. Floor stocks were adequate to long on desirable to heavier than desired weights. Parts trade continued light. Supplies of tenderloins were long, breast cuts and wings adequate and dark meat items were in close balance to short. The market tone was steady to firm on leg items, weak on tenderloins, and steady with a cautious undertone on the balance.

**WESTERN REGION** The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate, with heavy weights in the longest position. Retailer demand was moderate to good, fairly good overall and best where features in progress. Floor stocks easily adequate for immediate needs. Trade sentiment was steady to firm on parts with dark meat items in the strongest position.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES

WEEK ENDING 05/28/05	2005	2004	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	215,780	212,431	+02
CHICKS PLACED	176,542	176,393	0

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 2 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 216 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 4, 2005. This was up 2 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## CHICKS PLACED UP UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 4, 2005. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through June 4, 2005 were 3.87 billion, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for marketing during the week ending 16-Jul-05 is estimated at 162.7 million head. This compares to 162.2 million head the previous week and to 165.2 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 163.0 million head and the composite weighted average price was 83.79 cents per pound.

JUNE 07, 2005

## SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

JUNE 08, 2005

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	865	115.00-185.00	120-125	126.57
TENDERLOINS	198	120.00-180.00	-	126.97
BREAST - LINE RUN	82	80.00-91.00	83-85	84.70
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	487	36.00-40.00	37-38	37.66
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	885	38.00-43.00	40-41	40.46
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	70.00-85.00	80-83	80.92
WINGS (CUT)	420	87.00-100.00	94-97	95.08
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	80	107.00-113.00	-	108.50

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
 JUNE 07, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	810	117.00-182.00	-	125.62
TENDERLOINS	203	92.00-180.00	-	117.73
BREAST - LINE RUN	97	79.00-89.00	83-85	83.97
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	74	51.00-62.00	52-55	54.08
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	527	35.00-40.00	37-39	38.19
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,115	38.00-42.00	40	40.15
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	70.00-85.00	80-83	80.92
WINGS (CUT)	442	87.00-97.00	94-96	95.02
DRUMSTICKS	68	56.00-62.00	-	56.71
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	120	92.00-113.00	-	103.00

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 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR  
 JUNE 08, 2005 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
53.50 - 60.00	56.06

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
52.50-59.50	56.60	56.42

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

## NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was fair to moderate during midweek trading. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient for current trade needs with bone-in breasts slightly more available than earlier in the week. Drums and thighs were in a good balance to short. Wings were at least adequate. Tenders were available. Retail and distributive movement was fair to moderate. The market tone was generally steady on boneless skinless breast; fully steady on drums and thighs. Wings were no better than steady. Bone-in breasts were steady to barely steady.

\*ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

JUNE 07, 2005

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	138.52	647,040
TENDERLOINS	130	132.58	171,967
BREAST - WITH RIBS	87-88	94.90	116,480
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	89.10	90,000
LEGS	53-54	56.52	156,880
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	40.48	402,080
DRUMSTICKS	47-48	51.48	224,550
THIGHS	48-49	53.78	90,070
B/S THIGHS	104-105	99.31	126,480
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	87.63	110,320
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.71	22,120
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	33.08	24,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.93	23,120

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 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

JUNE 08, 2005

CURRENT NEG

WTD

ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	140	137.26	392,160
TENDERLOINS	130	127.82	139,590
BREAST - WITH RIBS	85-86	94.53	83,960
BREAST - LINE RUN	85	82.83	108,000
LEGS	53-54	55.97	138,680
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	41-42	40.99	350,400
DRUMSTICKS	48-49	50.82	196,960
THIGHS	48-49	56.03	85,120
B/S THIGHS	104-105	101.27	85,320
WINGS (WHOLE)	82-83	87.12	98,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.29	23,800
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	32.21	19,760
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	49.17	20,880

## ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED (1,000)	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS	ACTUAL (1,000)	AVG WTS
	06/08 06/07	06/06 06/03	06/06 06/03	06/01 05/30	
Alabama	4,041 4,073	4,008 4,196	5.31 5.24	4,065 4.61	
Arkansas	5,463 5,558	5,367 6,113	5.32 5.04	5,396 4.93	
Delmarva	(A) 2,301	(A) 2,342	(A) 5.55	2,284 6.04	
KY-LA-TN	2,307 2,263	2,249 2,606	5.13 4.89	2,233 4.88	
Mississippi	3,073 3,108	3,018 3,607	5.68 5.86	3,078 5.69	
North Car	2,509 2,553	2,511 3,018	6.59 6.81	2,548 7.51	
Texas	2,492 2,424	2,520 2,555	5.14 5.07	2,469 5.30	
Total	19,885 22,280	19,673 24,437	5.49 5.45	22,073 5.39	
Mon-Wed	64,549(B)			54,558(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Jun-05 is estimated to be 31,818,000 head down 3.94 percent from a week ago and down -0.27 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,123,000, last year 31,903,000)

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY.

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	97-99
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-107
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-73
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-
<b>SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY</b>	
<b>DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS</b>	
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 105-107
	DRY PACK 108
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 108-111
	DRY PACK 111
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 89-93
	DRY PACK 95
DUCKS	180-192

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 11-Jun-05

	CURRENT WEEK 06/11/05 (1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 06/04/05
CLASS	THOUSAND HEAD	
Broiler/fryer	167,016 (2)	155,013
Light hens	1,653	1,419
Heavy hens	1,485	1,281
Total	170,154	157,713

(1)ESTIMATED (2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 11-Jun-05 is 167.1 million head compared to 165.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 167.4 million head or 0.3 million more than estimated available. For the week of 18-Jun-05 the estimated available is 168.3 million head.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY LBS	PROCESSED POULTRY LBS
AM 06/06/05	116,582	45,978
AM 05/01/05	112,518	48,154
CHG	4,064	2,176
PCT CHG	4	-5

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	06/05/05	05/30/05	06/07/04	06/05/05	05/30/05	06/07/04
<b>PACIFIC COAST</b>	4,110	4,166	8,766	6,072	6,167	4,374
<b>LOS ANGELES</b>	81	101	375	3,448	3,530	3,005

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF JUNE 6, 2005

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	74-80
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	80-84

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 06/07/05

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY

	LOW	HIGH	AVG		LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	-	-	-	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	-	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	-	-	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	-	4.75	-
BROILERS lb.	-	-	-	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	-	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	1.00	1.50	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.75	-
ROOSTERS lb.	-	1.80	-	ROOSTERS ea.	-	-	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
RABBITS lb.	.75	1.20	1.04	RABBITS ea.	-	2.50	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	2.75	6.50	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	-	-	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	1.00	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	1.25	2.10	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-	-
SILKIES ea.	-	-	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	5.50	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	-	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-				
TOTAL COOPS	37						

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending June 3, 2005

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
<b>RAYON</b>						
Low	75.50	142.62	83.89	18.88	6.29	67.95
High	77.18	146.81	92.28	25.17	12.58	67.95
Mostly	75.50	146.81	92.28	20.97	8.39	67.95

**SAN JUAN**

Low	75.50	142.62	83.89	18.88	6.29	68.37
High	77.60	146.81	92.28	25.17	12.58	68.37
Mostly	75.50	146.81	88.09	20.97	8.39	68.37

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	75.50	142.62	83.89	18.88	6.29	68.37
High	77.60	151.00	92.28	25.17	12.58	68.37
Mostly	75.50	146.81	88.09	20.97	8.39	68.37

**BECERRA**

Low	75.50	142.62	83.89	18.88	6.29	68.37
High	77.18	151.00	92.28	25.17	12.58	68.37
Mostly	75.50	146.81	88.09	20.97	8.39	68.37

**DELMARVA**

Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was fair to moderate at best and was often noted as typical of normal mid-week activity. Offerings were adequate and in generally good balance on the 2.50 and 3.00 pound sizes; fully adequate on the larger. Live supplies were moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processor schedules were mostly moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 73 to 84 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. Breast items were fully adequate to ample. Leg cuts were adequate to well cleared on drums. Wings were fully adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE  
WEIGHTED AVERAGE  
NO. OF BOXES

66-86  
(A)  
(A)

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